

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1-31. (cancelled)

32. (original) A handle comprising:

- at least one holding plate which can be mounted in an opening in a thin wall such as a sheet-metal cabinet door;
- a head part, such as a flange or olive-shaped handle, which overlaps the rim of the opening of the thin wall on its outer side;
- a body part which proceeds from the head part and can be pushed through the opening in the thin wall;
- a holding part which is carried by the body part, supported on the other side of the thin wall, and is separate from the body part; and
- said holding part being formed by holding elements which project in a flexible manner from the body part in the direction of its outer surface and whose free end has an inclined surface for supporting the body part on the rim or edge of the opening without play.

33. (currently amended) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are two holding elements which for the opening of the thin wall, wherein the two holding elements are arranged diametrical to one another are provided for each opening of the thin wall and are acted upon by pressure elements or two coil springs, or wedge arrangements such as conical screws.

34. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are levers which are arranged at a distance from the surface of the thin wall so as to be rotatable in a defined manner around an axis parallel to the plane of the thin wall.

35. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are levers which are arranged so as to be rotatable around an axis perpendicular to the surface of the thin wall.

36. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are slides which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder that lies parallel to the plane of the thin wall and is rectangular in cross section and are held against the force of a pressure spring by a hook arrangement that locks between the slides themselves or in the cylinder.

37. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are slides of rigid material such as metal which are arranged so as to be displaceable in a cylinder that is parallel to the plane of the thin wall and rectangular in cross section and are held against the force of a pressure spring by a pin arrangement that is arranged between them.

38. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 36, wherein the cylinder has a partial dividing wall or undercut or opening edge at which the slides are supported axially by a shoulder or hook.

39. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding element has an opening which receives a spiral pressure spring by at least a portion of its diameter.

40. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 39, wherein projections which hold the spring element radially project into the opening.

41. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 39, wherein the holding elements are formed by two flat metal pieces lying next to one another, each of which has an opening, these two openings together forming a space which receives a spiral pressure spring by at least a portion of its diameter.

42. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 39, wherein the holding elements are formed by two metal pieces which lie next to one another and which form projections and recesses which are directed toward one another and which limit the axial sliding movement relative to one another.

43. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are formed by two plastic pieces or metal pieces which lie next to one another and which form projections and recesses which are directed toward one another and which can be engaged by a rotatable tool or key in such a way that the plastic pieces or metal pieces are displaced relative to one another against the spring force when the tool or key is turned.

44. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 39, wherein the holding elements are formed by a metal piece or by two metal pieces lying next to one another which is/are held jointly by a spring in such a way that these two or three parts form a manageable unit that is stable in itself.

45. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 37, wherein a fixing pin or fixing plug or fixing screw is provided for fixing the holding elements after the holding plate is mounted in the opening.

46. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the head part has a recess in the area of the holding elements.

47. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements are formed by a leaf spring that is bent in a suitable manner.

48. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 47, wherein the leaf spring is inserted into a radially extending cavity formed by the body part.

49. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 48, wherein the cavity forms a slot or recess in which a projection and recess of the spring lock the latter in a working position in a fixed manner.

50. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 47, wherein the leaf spring is held by a head screw that is screwed into a threaded bore hole formed by the body part.

51. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 47, wherein the leaf spring is spot-welded or glued to a surface formed by the body part.

52. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding plate has an opening like the thin wall and the holding part and the body part have their own head part.

53. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 52, wherein the head part and body part are two parts that are screwed together.

54. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein a plurality of holding elements are arranged next to one another in axial direction of the handle.

55. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein a second holding plate, which is connected to the first holding plate by means of a handle bar, has a construction analogous to that of the first holding plate.

56. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the handle can penetrate into or be swiveled into or rotated into a housing carrying the holding elements.

57. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the handle has an elongated shape and forms a holding plate at both ends and holding elements proceed from the latter.

58. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 57, wherein the holding elements are pretensioned in a flexible manner in direction of the handle axis.

59. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 57, wherein the holding elements are pretensioned in a flexible manner perpendicular to the direction of the handle axis.

60. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the handle has a spacer which can be clipped in at both ends into openings in a thin wall.

61. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 32, wherein the holding elements of the handle holding plate engage behind a web or recess instead of a thin wall, which web or recess is formed by an insert which is insertable into a thick wall.

62. (withdrawn) The handle according to claim 61, wherein the thick wall is clamped in between a flange area of the insert and the base plate of the handle.